

REMARKS

Thus, claims 12-16, 18 and 20-24 currently in the application.

The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement indicating that there were three distinct inventions claimed in the application. Group I, claims 1-8, 17 and 19 were drawn to a kit, Group II, claims 9-11 drawn to an instrument for reaming a bone canal and Group III, claims 12-16 and 18 drawn to reamer bushing. Applicant has elected to proceed with claims 12-16 and 18 of Group III and has cancelled claims 1-11, 17 and 19. Applicant has added new claims 20-24 which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 12.

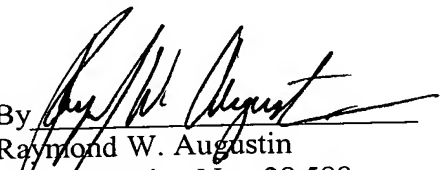
In addition, the Examiner requested that Applicant elect a species from the species shown in FIGS. 1-5 directed towards a tibia and the species of FIGS. 6-11 directed towards use of the reamer system of the present invention with a femur. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with species I, FIGS. 1-5, directed to the use of the reamer bushing with a tibia although the elected claims are generic to the two species shown in the application.

Applicant reserves the right to proceed with the other claimed inventions in a divisional application.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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